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October 7, 2005

Mr. Gene K. Fong Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 650 Capitol Mall Suite 4-100

Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' (SLOCOG) 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. <u>Description</u>

6 State and Local Elements

 Adds or modifies various projects from various funding programs in San Luis Obispo County. The amendment includes projects with funding from the Surface Transportation Program (STP), National Highway System (NHS), Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA), Federal Discretionary Program and the Federal Demonstration Program. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 6 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for projects in air quality attainment area that is exempt from the conformity determination requirement. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by SLOCOG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SLOCOG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

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Enclosures

c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure) Ronald L. De Carli - San Luis Obispo Council of Governments Peter Rodgers - San Luis Obispo Council of Governments Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans